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WORK CONTINUES WITH PILE DRIVING AND SOUNDWALL INSTALLATION

SANTA CRUZ – Work continues with pile driving and soundwall installation, Caltrans officials have announced.

Work is complete on soundwall H. Work will begin on soundwall A located along northbound 1 near La Fonda on Oct. 5. Work continues on soundwall E along southbound Hwy. 1 at Morrissey and soundwall block installation is continuing at soundwall F located along Hwy. 1 near Branciforte.

Pile driving continues during the day at Emeline for bridge abutments. Work continues on retaining walls 3 and 4, located along the southbound side of Hwy 1 near Emeline Ave. Loud noise and vibrations can be expected during daytime hours.

24-hour work shifts continue with the installation of rock slope protection in the creek bed at Carbonera and is expected to continue through mid-October. During this work, equipment will be running and loud noise is expected. Some nights may also involve pile driving. Every effort is being made to limit pile driving to daytime hours, but there may be circumstances that require it to be done at night. The fast (#1) lane will be closed in both directions during these nightshifts.

Night work lane closure hours are **northbound** from 8 pm to 5 am and **southbound** from 9 pm to 5:30 am. Workdays continue to be Monday through Friday from 6 am to 3:30 pm.

The northbound Highway 1 Emeline off-ramp remains permanently closed (for about 18 months). The Market Street undercrossing under Hwy. 1 will be closed until March 2007. Branciforte is the alternate route.

Caltrans reminds motorists to 'Slow for the Cone Zone.'

For more information regarding this project, the public may call the toll-free project/road information hotline with weekly project updates at 888-836-0866 or Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs staff at 831-423-0396 during regular business hours. Or e-mail us at info-d5@dot.ca.gov. The project website will also be regularly updated at <http://www.hwy1-17.caltrans.ca.gov>. For Commute Solutions call (831) 429-POOL or check the website at: www.commutesolutions.org

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